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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan – Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapter

SUMMARY:

At the May 5th Transportation Communications Committee meeting, staff presented a potential approach for the development of the Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapter. The TCC provided staff with recommendations on the approach and staff has incorporated the recommendations into this report. The revised approach was approved by the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force at their October 24th meeting.

The purpose of the Chapter is to examine existing government roles, responsibilities and interactions in the preparedness and response to terrorist threats and natural or man-made emergencies in the SCAG region, determine if and where shortfalls exist, and provide potential recommendations to all levels of government to enhance preparedness and response coordination.

The chapter will describe the overall roles of SCAG cities and counties in terms of security and emergency readiness, as well as provide an overview of state and federal roles as an educational aspect. It will describe interactions between all levels of government when an incident and the required response cross political boundaries.

The chapter will identify needs in the current system, if applicable, and determine what role, if any, SCAG and/or other local/regional organizations could play in resolving needs or adding benefit to existing security/emergency preparedness programs. Recommendations, where applicable, will be made for federal, state, regional, county and local jurisdictions.

As the draft chapter is completed, it will be brought forward to the RCP Task Force and the TCC for review and comment.

ACTIVITIES

1. Interview county emergency management bureaus:
 - Determine roles, responsibilities and intergovernmental coordination for:
 - i. Local incidents
 - ii. Local incidents crossing municipal boundaries
 - iii. Incidents crossing county boundaries
 - iv. Incidents of State significance
 - v. Incidents of national significance
 - Determine roles, responsibilities and coordination for security.
 - Determine cities, townships and other political bodies that are participants.

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2. Interview state and federal emergency management agencies
3. Develop needs analysis:
 - Deficiencies (if any) in government roles and responsibilities in preparedness and response.
 - Determine areas where response process can potentially be accelerated.
 - Workshop (if required)
 - i. Review Needs Analysis
 - ii. Develop recommendations
 1. Develop potential policy recommendations
 2. Determine appropriate areas of responsibilities.
4. Draft Chapter
 - Present recommendations to RCP Task Force/policy committees
5. Final Chapter